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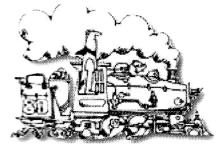
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Well spring is finally here, hopefully the rain has left the Southwest and we

can dry out a little.

If it seems like we just had a Dispatch issue ...we did. As you know we delayed the last issue because we wanted to include news from the BOD meeting, now we are moving up the schedule a couple weeks to get convention material out to you early enough so you may plan your time at the convention.

This Dispatch has more material describing activities at the September convention so I will not go into that except I do hope to see all of you there, it will be a fun convention.

We have included the revised By-Laws. Your vote is needed for acceptance, please read over them and cast your vote. These changes are necessary to keep the PSR up-to-

date with the changes national has implemented. Basically we have removed reference to PSR membership, since once you pay dues through the NMRA you are automatically a member of the PSR.

Director elections are also in this issue of the Dispatch, please show your support for the Division Director of your choice by voting.

The Regional Advisory Council (RAC) has decided on the amount taken out for the first year of a new NMRA member is \$6.00. This figure is just for the first year of a new

From the Hot Seat!

Ed Hall, MMR, PSR President

member's membership. The voting for the NMRA RAC Director election is closed, 15 of the 17 Region Presidents sent in their ballot for the new NMRA RAC Director. The results of the voting were:

> Robert Ferguson 7 Miles Hale, MMR 3 Larry E. Smith, MMR 3 Wil Siever 2

I have notified NMRA Headquarters the amount the PSR wishes to be taken out for the Dispatch subscription, \$8.00. With rising cost of mail and continuing rises in our expenditures the amount is satisfactory to keep our heads above water. We will see how this works and if needed make adjustments later.

I will also be working on some changes in the PSR Contest Directory. Duane sent me his wants and needs

> - time has not permitted me to work on that yet but by the time you read this we should have a draft ready. I would like to make the contests more open and friendly to members - looking back at recent convention contests make me wonder if anyone is building models any longer! Since we call ourselves "Model Railroaders" I think we need more encouragement for people to show their talents off a little.

> That's about it for now, seems like I just got done writing this column.

See you at the next stop

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Division Director

Arizona

Don Stewart



Cajon

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Our 2005 kicked off with an excellent Division Meeting in Phoenix. AZ. About 115 people attended the meeting, which featured 3 clinics, NMRA type contests, a swap meet, Railette activities, door prizes and a business meeting. Beginning about 8:30 in the morning, it finished about 4:00 PM with the announcement of contest winners and more door prizes. Of the 15 or so models entered in the contest, 5 garnered Merit Awards. There were some nice looking models in the contest. Hopefully some of these will find their way to the Region Convention at Knott's Berry Farm in September.

The next event for the Division is a May 28th ride on the Verde Canyon train. Flyers were handed out at the March Division Meeting, but if others want to ride they are welcome. You need to let Don Stewart know very soon as there are only a few seats left. The first to want the seats and pays for them gets them.

June 11 will be our Summer Meet in Sedona. A full day in the Red Rock country will be great for those in southern Arizona's summer heat. Again a full slate of clinics (3), contests, swap meet and getting together with friends will generate smiles all around.

We in the Arizona Division are planning a full assault on the Regional Convention. We are bringing our models, too, so watch out Cajon, we are throwing down the gauntlet and challenging you to a contest showing at the Convention! The home Division usually has the majority of the contest entries. We in the Arizona Division are out to change that this year.

November will find the Arizona Division back in Tucson for the Meeting on November 5. A bonus at the Tucson Meet is an evening dinner at a buffet restaurant, one of Charles' favorite eateries. And a full day of layout tours on Sunday.

Come join the Arizona Division as we enjoy the modeling, clinics, train rides and meetings, but most of all the camaraderie of seeing your friends and catching up on the latest escapades and acquisitions.

Cajon held its first Meet of the year on March 12th hosted by members Joe and Bobbi Dorner at their ever spacious backyard. After weeks of rain, it was a picture perfect weather day. About forty members came out to enjoy some model railroading fun in the sunshine. Part of the day's activities included a "hands on" modeling project to assemble this year's convention cars as "Ready to Run". Many thanks to member George Brancacio who single handedly decaled all the cars and prepared them for this assembly project. John Taranto played the role of Chief Inspector and he has pronounced the cars ready for sale. Lynn Austin really added new meaning to his position as Member Aid Chair that day as he went around and helped those that needed help assembling cars. Of course, the members duly noted our President Ed Hall, MMR completed his cars two to their one. A fun day...good clinics, yummy food, lots of trains running by our Southern Nevada N-Trakers group and a barrel of laughs assembling convention cars.

As I write this I'm caught in a limbo time warp. We have two more Meets on the immediate horizon; one at Brian Block's in Las Vegas on April 2nd, and our April 16th Meet in Anaheim. They will both be completed by the time this issue reaches your mailboxes. These three Meets, participation in several promotional train shows plus the hosting of the PSR 2005 Convention and our annual Barstow event (November 11-13) completes the Cajon Division's calendar of events for this year.

Convention News – Many pages in this issue of the Dispatch provides a peek of what's on tap at the PSR 2005 convention. The Cajon team has done a superb job and as you can see it is shaping up to be a great convention. Have you registered yet? Don't miss the Cajon Country train. It's one you're sure to enjoy!

HELP – A member wrote to inquire if the Cajon folks needed any help at the convention. "Sure, what do you want to do?" Sell tickets at the train show, sit at the Tour Desk, take a shift at the Company Store, give a clinic, be a judge...the convention team appreciates every potty break they can get. YES, if you want to join the camaraderie of lending a helping hand, we would

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Activity Reports



Los Angeles

Mary Barstow, MMR pvpacific@cox.net



San Diego

Rodger Gredvig, MMR

Los Angeles Division held its Annual Banquet and Business Meeting on Saturday, March 12th. We all enjoyed Taix's comfortable Country French setting, nice music, and great food. Visiting with everyone was the best.

The South Coast Botanic Garden Model Train Show is May 21st and 22nd. It is located on the Palos Verdes Peninsula on Crenshaw Blvd. just south of Pacific Coast Highway. The public will enjoy seeing the finest operating modular layouts in Southern California. Also, the Southern California Garden Railway Society will take over the famed Cactus Garden. Live steam is also promised. Consider visiting this beautiful location in May. The flowers will be spectacular and the trains fantastic.

Paul Cutter has agreed to run for the position of Director as my second term of office will expire this September. I am so pleased that Paul is willing to take on this responsibility. He is truly the most qualified for the position.

The 2008 National Convention will be hosted by Los Angeles Division with Bill Mergard as convention chairman. Planning meetings have already begun. Bill will happily accept members interested in being part of the convention committee for the "Anaheim Special." Contact Bill at mdlrrerbill@earthlink.net or (310) 371-1971.

On February 5 we held our Winter Meet which included a white elephant sale, a clinic, a PowerPoint presentation on last summer's National PSX2004 convention in Seattle, and of course, a great potluck.

Later in the month we were treated to a fantastic rendition of the Westside Lumber Co. in HOn3 by Burton Maxwell. The layout is located in an attached 16x37 room with a point-to-point design. It depicts prototype locations such as Camp 8, Camp 45, and Buffalo Landing. Burton had scratchbuilt over a dozen locos before building the layout. It even features an animated 14 foot highline. Amazingly, the layout was built in just a year and a half!

In March Tom McCammant stepped in to show his layout when the scheduled layout tour was unexpectedly canceled. Tom's HO Southern Pacific Lines depicts the Espee from LA to Bakersfield using progressive cab control, 17 blocks and 225 of mainline. This layout features precision track work and enviable electronics.

In April we booked two tickets on Mike Colasurado's "Two Railroads". Steam and diesel vie for power on these transitional era layouts running UP, SP, and SF livery. There are actually two separate layouts in a 16x20' room, with a removable bridge that connects the two across a walkway. This Southwest layout features walk around throttles and sound.

Currently we are planning our May Meet in Poway (see details in the Mailhook), and plans for next year's "BACK TO THE FUTURE" 2006 Convention in San Diego.

PSR Convention - September 7-11, 2005 Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel

7675 Crescent Avenue Buena Park, California 90620 Free Parking!

All convention events and activities will take place at the convention hotel except for the Convention Train and Trade Show that will be held at the United Food and Commercial Workers

(UFCW) Union Hall located two blocks down the street

Contest Corner

Duane E. Buck, PSR ContestChair buckgnry@msn.com

Preparing for PSR Contests: Continuing the theme started in last quarter's column, we'll discuss contest preparations in this issue.

First, of course, is to prepare your entry at the earliest possible date. This will allow time to re-evaluate your entry and consider any further refinements you might wish to make.

Second, prepare your paperwork in advance of the convention using current NMRA Contest Entry Form #901 Rev:C, dated 18 Sept. 2000, and Judges' Score Sheet, NMRA Contest Form 902 Rev.B, dated 23 July 2000. These forms can be found on the NMRA website. If required you can also procure these forms from your division contest chair, or directly from me. In addition to the Entry Form, PSR Form 701, Arts and Crafts Contest Judges' Score Sheet is required for the arts and crafts contest. Photo Contest Entry Blank, PSR Form 601 are required for all photo contest entries. Module contest forms will be discussed below. The PSR forms can be obtained from your local contest chair or me.

The most common complaint received regarding the contest process involves the paperwork requirements. Because of this, let us go over these requirements in some detail. Let me start by saying that this is not nor should it be interpreted as being an essay writing contest. The focus, for judges, should be on the models, photos, arts and crafts, themselves. This emphasis has been lost in some contest rooms I have visited in recent years. This will not happen in contest rooms where I am the senior official.

Having said the above, it must be acknowledged that paperwork is necessary to carry out a proper contest process. It must be understood that all judges cannot be knowledgeable in all categories and different prototype practices and, therefore, require some explanation of what the contestant tried to accomplish and what he or she did to achieve the end result.

The Contest Entry Form and Photo Contest Entry Blank provides basic information such as name, address and contest category entered. This information is needed so that we know whom to give those awards to. If there is some doubt as to which category your entry falls under, contact your local contest chair or me.

The Judges' Score Sheet requires more effort and



Achievement Program

Don Stewart, AP Program Manager

Jan Wescott has earned her Association Official Certificate. She has served for over 3 years as the Division Director (a Regional position) for the Cajon Division.

Mary Barstow also earned her Association Official Certificate. She has served for over 3 years as the Division Director (a Regional position) for the Los Angeles Division.

Martin Judd, from the Cajon Division, earned his Association Volunteer Certificate in March.

I just got the forms for Brian Block for his Civil Engineering Certificate and Scenery Certificate. These, with the approval of National will meet his requirements for Master Model Railroader (MMR). Brian will be an excellent member of this elite group of less than 400 members.

I will present Paul Schmitt's MMR plaque to him at the Awards Ceremony at the 2005 Convention. Perhaps Brian's will be there too. The Certificates for Jan, Mary, and Martin will also be presented then.

Keep working on those certificates! Some just take time, some take patience and skill, but all are rewarding and give you a sense of accomplishment. Give them a try. If you want to get started, contact me and we can discuss your addition to the growing number of excellent modelers in the Achievement Program.

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definitely welcome you with open arms. Contact me. I am very good at putting people to work. Remember to check our convention website at WWW.PSR-NRMA. ORG for updates in between Dispatch issues.

Please send in your VOTE and show your support for the candidate of your choice for next Director in your Division. I look forward to seeing everyone soon in Buena Park.



PSR 2005 Convention Buena Park, CA 9/7—9/11 2005

Chief Gandy Dancer

Bill Jacobs, PSR Trustee billj455@yahoo.com



As I set out to prepare the column for this issue of the Dispatch, I was a little at a loss for words, which probably comes as somewhat of a shock to some of you – however, several items of interest showed up in my email inbox at just the right time.

First: It's time to vote for the Director's position for the respective Divisions. Two of the Divisions, Arizona and San Diego, have two candidates running, while Los Angeles and Cajon have individuals who are running unopposed. It is very important that you vote because the Division Director makes all the difference in conduct of activities, leadership, and getting the business (however distasteful that may be) done. All of these folks have accepted the nominations, even though they know it will be a tough and time consuming job. Even if your Division has an unopposed candidate - vote. It will give them a show of confidence in their abilities. For the two Divisions with two candidates, think carefully about the attributes of each and vote for who you think will do the best job. These nominees are volunteers, so it behooves the rest of us to put that noggin to use for a short time and give them the consideration they deserve.

Second: Clark Kooning, of Modeling with the Masters fame, has recently been named NMRA Membership Chair. He has a bunch of new ideas about membership recruitment and retention. He has just distributed his first "Pounding the Rails" newsletter, primarily to Region and Division Membership Chairs and as he puts it, anyone else he had an e-mail address for. He believes that the Divisions are where it's at as far as recruitment and retention go and several programs are in the works to get the most information to the "field." The first is called "Membership to the Max" and it is designed to show our members how to get the most out of their NMRA membership. Those of you who know Clark know that he has boundless enthusiasm, and I really feel that his new initiatives will jump-start membership programs.

Third: The reorganization as a result of the LRP has not been finalized yet. There are still discussions of many of the actions taken at the last BOT meeting. Hopefully, all will be resolved at the first meeting of the new Board of Directors in July. A major organizational change like this is fraught with little "time bombs" that

no one thought of at the time and better ideas continue to surface. I can guarantee you that the current crop of Trustees are dedicated to getting it right and moving on.

Fourth, and last: Don't forget the PSR convention coming up in September! There is a perception, because of our rotation through the Divisions for convention sponsorship, that this is a Cajon convention, like last year was a Los Angeles convention, and on and on. NOT TRUE! This is the annual PSR convention for all the members. I think you will see participation from all the Divisions – and I also think that this one will be a dandy, so you'd better not miss it!

See you on down the line - Bill

Railettes

Janet Spooner, Railette Chair jspooner86@aol.com

The up coming convention in Buena Park, CA is lining up to be a great one. There will be enough going on for both the men and women that if you don't have a good time you will have no one to blame but yourself. Jan Westcott, Convention Chair, and I have been working together to make sure that you ladies are well taken care of. There will be our usual make 'n take sessions. The plans for these sessions are not definite at this time but one of the ideas I'm tossing around include making a French Memo board. If you don't know what that is you will have to come to the session on Thursday morning and find out. I guarantee that everything we do together will be easy and fun. I'm keeping the other ideas a secret for now. No, I really do have something planned for each of our three sessions, it is just that I might change my mind if I find something easier and better. There are also plans for a scrapbooking session, a Railroad herald coaster session, and real live Bingo with cash and non-cash prizes. A quick mention here - if you are planning to come to the scrapbooking session it would be nice if you have photos to work with but there will be something for you to do even if you don't have photos.

By the way, if you don't see anything of interest going on at the Convention, our hotel is on the grounds of Knott's Berry Farm and within a short drive of Disneyland. There is a mall close by as well as "Hobby City" which is a collection of small stores that caters to every hobby you can come up with. I will have a map to all of these places of interest as well as the location of museums, restaurants, shopping centers, churches, and will find out how to get to most destinations in the area.

Hope to see you in Buena Park. We will miss you if you don't come and you will miss out on a great time!

Convention Corner Continued...

we will address this form, category by category, for the model construction contest. The judges will be trying to determine "What did the modeler do?", and "How well did the modeler do it?"

CONSTRUCTION: This category is to determine the difficulty or complexity of the attempted model and how well the model is constructed. This category is weighted at 40 points and comprises 32% of the total possible score. This category considers the "quality of workmanship with emphasis on proper handling of materials, applied labor, modeling skill and craftsmanship. To fulfill these requirements, of course, requires a nicely crafted model. In filling out this section, list plans and drawings, as well as materials (i.e. metal, plastic, wood, etc.), adhesives and jigs, molds and patterns utilized. Describe any techniques, methods and materials used. Be sure to have all plans, drawings, jigs, molds and patterns on display with the model. An example of complexity would be, "I added a complete brake system with all components and piping."

DETAIL: This category is worth 20 points or 16% of the total possible score. The focus here is on, "How many detail parts are added to or incorporated in the model?", and "How complex was the detailing job?" The judges will be considering the quantity of detail and not the quality. Make a comprehensive list of the model details to include such things as bolt heads and nail heads as well as more obvious details (i.e. brake components, airhorns, brake levers, etc.). Show samples of scratch built details.

CONFORMITY: This is a "make or break" category worth a maximum of 25 points or 20% of the total possible score. The object of this category is, "How well does the model reproduce the prototype?" The key to conformity is to determine whether or not the model is logical. In other words does it conform with prototype practice. You wouldn't connect steam lines to brake lines on a passenger car as an example of unprototypical practice. Accuracy of paint scheme is also considered. Since judges are only human and are not familiar with every prototype (which could vary greatly from railroad to railroad) or model type, you must display documentation to verify what you have done with your model. This documentation comes in the form of detailed drawings/plans and photos. Even "freelanced" models should be accompanied by documentation that demonstrates that prototypical practice was used. This is an exercise in building with "logic". You can lose 10 points or more for not providing supporting documentation. This one is easy - provide good documentation that matches the model and you'll get points.

FINISH and LETTERING: Here, the primary consideration is for the complexity of finish and lettering and the quality and skill of its application. This category is worth 25 points or 20% of the total possible score. Color, accurate placement of several colors and difficulty of application is considered. The quality and quantity of lettering is also evaluated. The presence or absence of weathering is not a judging factor but should be considered as its effect could enhance the overall appearance of the model, thereby increasing the score potential. Too much weathering can be a signal that the contestant is attempting to hide a poor base finish or construction defects. List the method(s) of application, type of paints (and special mixes) and the lettering format (i.e. hand, decals, etc.) used.

SCRATCHBUILDING: This category considers, "How much of the model is built from scratch?", and "How difficult was the scratchbuilding?" The primary concern is the quantity of the scratchbuilding. List the parts that you have fabricated. If you have a model that was completely scratchbuilt, less the exempted items listed in the NMRA® AP Regs, state this as so. Otherwise, list all scratchbuilt parts. Additionally, note any special or unusual features added. Building from prototype plans or photos is a plus. Listing exempted items is also useful. This category is worth 15 points.

Another hint worth noting is placing your model loco or rolling stock on a display track. This makes your model much more attractive than sitting on a bare table top.

The basic Entry Form, as well as the Judges' Score Sheet for NMRA® Module Contest Form 903 Rev.A, dated 23 July 2000, must be used for the module contest. The Judges' Score Sheet is comprised of seven categories and are described below:

CONSTRUCTION: (Maximum 25 points) This deals with the percentages of different source structures (kit, crosskit, scratchbuilt) and scenery materials and techniques.

DETAIL: (Maximum 20 points) Describe complexity, difficulty, refinement and amount of additional detail parts added. List details.

CONFORMITY: (Maximum 10 points) Give information as to prototype modeled or explain logic of design. It is necessary to provide copies of photos, drawings and plans.

ELECTRICAL: (Maximum 15 points) Provide details of electrical beyond those required by module specs with drawings and plans.

Finish and Lettering: (Maximum 20 points)
Consider overall use of color and texturing of natural
(rocks; earth, etc.) and man-made surfaces (roads,
sidewalks, etc.) along with lettering methods, weathering
and application methods.

SCRATHCBUILDING: (Maximum 20 points) List all fabricated parts and any special or unusual features.

INGENUITY: (Maximum 15 points) Indicate any features or techniques that you believe to be creative, innovative, and perhaps helpful to fellow modelers. There has been laxity in these requirements in the past. These forms must be filled out for all future entries.

Photo contest forms are much simpler, requiring only personal date, the photo title and the category (i.e. color prototype, black and white model, slide, etc.)

The arts and crafts contests require the standard NMRA® entry form plus the PSR Arts and Crafts Judges' Score Sheet be filled out. The Judges' Score Sheet must include the category entered. There are seven categories which include General (kit), Railroadiana (kit), Needlework (kit), General (Pattern) Railroadiana (Pattern), Needlework (Pattern) and General (Original). The items on the Judges' Score Sheet are:

CORRECT EXECUTION: (Maximum 50 points)

Describe your entry in detail and note any special items used.

DIFFICULTY: (Maximum 30 points) Describe the entry complexity with any special techniques used. Were any changes made to pattern/kit items or adaptations made from medium to another?

FINISHING: (Maximum 25 points) Describe how the item was prepared for display/use (type of materials, frames, matting, etc.).

Neatness: (Maximum 20 points) Self explanatory. Now that you have become knowledgeable with regard to our contests, it is time for you to use this new found knowledge and to enter the competition. We've experienced a recent increase in contest entries, in the Arizona Division, with 28 entries during the past two meets. What is more encouraging is the participation of members who had never entered any NMRA® contest

It is my hope, and indeed the hope of all region and division officials, that this trend will continue.

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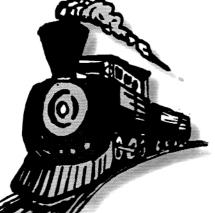
The upcoming PSR convention offers an opportunity for you to showcase your skills in the contest room. Get those entries ready now. Early entry preparations will give you a chance to "fine tune" those entries for a better presentation.

Contests are a part of the NMRA® educational process. In addition to entering contests, another important part of the process is actually judging in the contests. You can learn the contest procedures first hand and, just as importantly, you can learn from the close up viewing of the work of others.

Enter our contests and give consideration to being a judge. No experience as a judge, you say. Don't worry, we'll pair you with a highly qualified judge.

Remember your division contest chair and I stand ready to assist you. You need only to ask

SAN DIEGO DIVISION



Annual Model Railroad Swap Meet

Saturday, May 14th, 2005

Doors Open - 9:00am (Setup at 8:30am) - Close at 11:00am

Poway Community Park Auditorium Community Center Road, Poway, CA Free to NMRA® Members

For more information, contact the Division at sddiv@sbcglobal.net



The Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA® Invites You to



"CAJON COUNTRY"
PSR CONVENTION



September 7-11, 2005 Buena Park, California

Hosted by the Cajon Division, PSR

The 2005 PSR Convention will be held in the exciting city of Buena Park. You're invited to experience the enjoyment of model railroading fun in the heart of one of Southern California's premier vacation spots.

"CAJON COUNTRY" will offer all of the activities you've come to expect at a convention plus some diverse and innovative events. Clinics, Chinese Auction, Layout and Prototype Tours, Train/Trade Show, Awards Reception, HOBO Breakfast, Non Rail and Railette Activities and the Company Store are among the activities to be offered. As with all conventions, the Contest room will be open for all categories of model construction as well as photography, arts/crafts and favorite model.

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

It'll be all at your doorstep when staying at the Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel (formerly known as Radisson Resort) located at 7675 Crescent Avenue in Buena Park. A short three minute walk will take you to the famed Knott's Berry Farm Amusement Park entrance. Outside the entrance (no admission required) is the California Marketplace that includes Mrs. Knott's Chicken-Chicken, an excellent bakery, pizza palace, ice cream parlor, gift shops and more. All activities will originate and end at this convention hotel headquarters.

A block of room has been reserved (until July 1st) at the special rate of \$99 per night. Call the hotel direct at toll free number (866) 752-2444 to make reservations. Please be sure to mention PSR CONVENTION to receive special rate.

REGISTRATION

Full fare for primary registrants after April 15th is \$65. Registration includes admission to all clinics, Contests, auction, the Train/Trade Show, door prize drawings, and eligibility to sign up for extra fare items such as tours and dining car events.

For More Information

Visit the convention website at WWW.PSR-NMRA.ORG
All updates will be posted there as details are finalized.
For further information or questions contact:

Jan Wescott, Convention Chair - Phone: (702) 566-0856 or Email: WESCVEGAS@COX.NET
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Plan now to come aboard and ride the Cajon Country 2005 PSR Convention train!

EXTRA FARE INFORMATION

Proto Tour

Knott's Engine House Tour Thursday, September 8th Time: 8 am, 2 hrs - Cost \$15 Limited to 2 tour groups of 15 participants each - Pre Sign Up only! We have contracted two Knott's Berry Farm Tour guides to take you on this tour. If you have not been on this tour, this is your opportunity. With the change in ownership at Knott's Berry Farm this tour is no longer being offered in general practice but they are doing this as an exception to policy. Participants will gather in the hotel lobby and from there in "pied piper" fashion will take the short 5 minute walk to the Engine House. Knott's

Clinics

early start time.

Introduction to Building with Styrene

by Clark Kooning, MMR, CRC Friday, September 9th, 9 am, 2.5 hrs. Cost \$10

prefers doing this tour prior to general

public open hours and is reason for the

Each participant will be introduced to building a small project in strip styrene. This is a fun clinic and easy, too. You will learn how to plan, cut and glue styrene into a neat little project you can take home.



Tools Required: Each participant is required to bring:

1 000 Sable Paint Brush (usually available in hobby or craft stores)

1 Xacto knife with #11 blade 1 inxpensive Square (i.e., like those from a cheap math set)

Side Note: Clark will present 3 different clinics at the PSR 05 Convention: two regular clinics and the above special "make n take" clinic as Extra Fare.

Hands On Scenery Clinic

by the San Diego Clinician Team Friday, September 9th, 1 pm, 2.5 hrs -No Cost

Limited to 24 participants – Pre Sign Up Encouraged

This popular "hands on" scenery clinic is limited to the first 24 participants signing up. There is no cost for this clinic. All interested in this clinic are encouraged to sign up early on the Extra Fare form.

Rail Bus Guided Tours

"Leave the driving to Us"

To accommodate those without transportation or those who dislike driving in the traffic of Orange County

we are offering three bus guided tours to Layouts and Hobby Shops.

Friday Layout Tour

Cost \$20

Friday evening, September 9th 5:30 pm, 5 hrs

Participants will have opportunity to visit 4 great layouts in the nearby area of the convention.

Thursday Hobby Shop Tour A

Cost \$20

Thursday, September 8th 12:30 pm, 5 hrs Participants will visit 3-4 local hobby shops including Longs, Trainquest, Freight Yard and Mile Post 38.

Saturdy Hobby Shop Tour B

Cost \$20

Saturday, September 10th 9:30 am, 5 hrs

We will be headed to hobby shops in the north making stops to include Whistle Stop in Pasadena, Train Stop in San Dimas and others.

PSR Convention Countdown

Robert Wescott, PSR Convention Contest Host RDWescott@cox.net

Modeling "Goofs" Make Perfect Entries

Now, here's a contest that even I can get into at the Cajon Country 2005 PSR Convention. Win or lose, it sure can be a lot of fun! How many times have you (and I) goofed in the middle while building a model? When everything seems to go wrong, it sounds like a perfect entry for the THUMBS Award.

All of us use model railroading to get away from it

all, go hide and relax. Which, in this situation, brings fun and enjoyment.

All I can say is that your worst could possibly be your best and it could earn a lot of "Ha-Ha" points. You can't win if you don't enter. Even if you don't win, think of all the smiles that you will put on other faces.

Plan now to enter our "Thumbs" contest at this years PSR convention. There are no real loses. Everyone wins the prize of fun, laughter and the enjoyment of model railroading.



CLINICIANS ON CENTER STAGE

Clinicians from all four PSR Divisions are coming together to share their expertise at the PSR 2005 convention. Joining forces with our PSR clinicians are some superb guest clinicians from outside the Region. Together this translates to a great convention clinic program for all attendees. Take a peek below at the <u>partial</u> list of confirmed clinicians as of April press deadline. Clinic descriptions have been abbreviated due to Dispatch space limitations. Full description of all clinics will be in convention timetable. Don't miss the train to Cajon Country. Register Today!

OUR CAST OF PSR CLINICIANS

Dorr Altizer: "DCC and Me"

Dorr shares his road to Digital Command Control for his "in-the-planning" stages of his HO layout. A great clinic for all those thinking about converting to DCC.

David Arendes: "Weathering Cars"

Dave will share a combination of weathering techniques to make your cars more realistic.

Brian Block: "Detailing Scenery and Figures"

Brian will share his techniques to create scenery and quick easy way to paint figures.

Duane Buck: "Taming the NMRA Contests"

PSR Contest Chair Duane will provide insight on how to prepare for NMRA contest including entry preparations, contest forms.

Mark Carnigham: "Simple Signals for Model Railroads Part 1"

Various themes for applying signaling systems to your model railroad are presented in the intro level clinic. Some prototype signaling practices are presented in simplified presentation.

Mark Carnigham: "Simple Wiring for Simple Signals Part 2"

As an addition to the Simple Signaling clinic, various methods of installing and controlling the simplified signal systems will be presented. Many of these do not require electronic skill.

Barry Draper: "Installing Signals on Your Layout"

This is a two hour instructional clinic. Barry will detail and show how to install block signals or CTC on your layout. Included will be a method of realistic block detection without requiring resistance wheel sets on cars. This method requires no computer.

Carl Heimberger: "Kitbashing Structures"

Learn how you can make your basic model entirely different

by Kitbashing.

FRPA Historic & Modeling Committee: "Creating Historic Structures"

The Fullerton Railway Plaza Association (FRPA) is dedicated to the preservation of the railroad heritage of Southern California. Bryan Hunnell and Harold Benash, members of both FRPA and the PSR, will be bringing some historic displays as well as share the process used to create a historically accurate model in HO scale.

Ed Hall, MMR: "Paints are Paints"

Our PSR President, will relate his experiences using paints for models and will also present some comparison of some paints available on the market.

Bob Mitchell: "The Art and Illusion of Mirrors"

Be it the Wizard of Monterey's "Gorre & Daphetid" or your own Railroad Empire, mirrors make a difference. John Allen had more than 30. Most were undetectable. Clinic will explore the do's and don'ts and some nifty tricks.

San Diego Division's Scenery Special

A whole team of great clinicians—Don Fowler, Ben Sevier, Chuck Hart, Bob Moore, Gary Robinson and John Sigurdson MMR—from our San Diego Division will do a "hands on" scenery clinic. Attendees will develop and complete a 12 x 12 landscaped module with water, road, rock castings, ground cover, etc. Don't miss this fun "free" clinic that will include some prizes, too! Clinic is 2.5 hours and class size is limited to 24 participants. Pre sign is on the Extra Fare Form.

Lindsay Smith: "RTR it Ain't"

Look at your new model and make it run without causing problems.

Don Stewart: "Knott's Narrow Gauge"

Don't miss this great clinic for an inside look at narrow gauge at Knott's Berry Farm. Don explores its history and the equipment.

Dale Tripp: "Modeling Southwest and Desert Scenery" Dale will show you an easy way to make desert foliage and share his techniques to create scenes depicting Southwestern and/or desert scenery on your layout.

Joe Villaryo: "Weathering Locomotives"

Joe will demonstrate how he weathers his steam locomotive using dry brushing techniques.

SPECIAL GUEST CLINICIANS

Book Signing and Slide Show!

Bob Larson's will do a book signing of his newly released publication, "Life on the Feather River Route". Bob is a retired engineer that has taken well over 100,000 slides of his adventures and experiences during his career. During his slide show Bob's natural ingrained humor brings forth an entertainment all its own. Don't miss his exciting slide show and the opportunity to get his autograph on his new book.

Clark Kooning, MMR, CRC:

"Model Railroading 101"

Clark will go over Track Planning, Benchwork, Wiring, and Scenery. He will also provide some helpful hints on what to buy and not buy for railroad equipment. A great beginner's clinic.

Clark Kooning, MMR, CRC: "Intro to Hand Laid Track the Fast Tracks Way"

Clark will show you how to hand lay track and provide instructions on how the FastTracks system works; how to use these commercial items to build track work in half the time of conventional hand laid track. He invites everyone to come out and get tracking!

Charles Getz: "Advanced Techniques for Laser Cut Kit Buildings

Clinic will show ways to assemble, customize and modify laser cut building kits.

Jerry Allen: "Building HO Scale Vehicles"

Don't miss this special clinic by Jerry Allen from the 1/87 Vehicle Club. He will show how to accurately build and detail HO vehicles as well as bring award winning vehicle displays.

Darryl Huffman: "Backdrop Painting"

Darryl hails from Alaska and has offered to do a clinic to share his basic techniques for the beginning backdrop painter.

Jim Wells, Fantasonics: "Scratchbuilding Layout Scale Sound"

This is a very lively two hour clinic. Jim will discuss how and why scale sound does and does not work. He will show you how to economically and easily scratch build scale sound into your layout. Anyone with home layouts should find this clinic very interesting and fun.



ATTENTION NARROW GAUGERS

And All Others Who Have Not Yet Found the Light!

Bill Jacobs, PSR 2005 Convention Committee

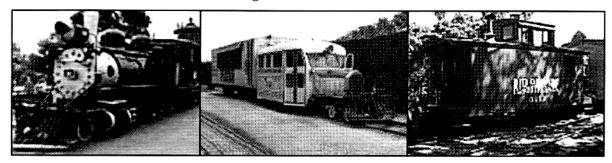


Did you know that Knott's Berry Farm has a very fine collection of RGS and D&RGW equipment?

Knotts acquired several pieces of Colorado narrow gauge equipment in 1951 and 1952. Locomotives 41 (formerly RGS 41, formerly D&RG #409, Red Cliff) and #340 (formerly D&RGW #340, formerly D&RG #400, Green River), both C-19's (Consolidation types with 19,000 pounds of tractive effort), operate on the Knotts property along with RGS Goose #3. Rolling stock consists of a healthy collection of former D&RGW closed vestibule coaches, business car B-20 (the Edna) and the parlor car Durango. Rounding out the collection is RGS short caboose 0402.

What is most impressive about the operation is that the management has permitted the shop crew to restore the equipment to the original D&RGW and RGS colors.

RGS Goose #3 is used in the off-season when there aren't enough visitors to justify firing the locomotives. Goose #3 has had several engines, the latest of which is a Cummins Diesel.



Want to See This? Here's How ...

Just sign up on the Convention Tours Extra Fare Form for the Knott's Berry Farm Engine House Tour at the PSR 2005 Convention! The tour will be held **Thursday, September 8, 2005** from 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM and the extra fare is only \$15.00. **This tour is by advance sign up only!**

Did You know?

With your admission to the Knott's Berry Farm Theme Park, and despite years of bandit hold-ups, one of the world's last operating narrow gauge steam trains still departs daily from Ghost Town Station for a round-trip tour of the Park.



Non Rail and Railette Activities

Who is the Non Rail? These are the folks attending the convention who have no interest in trains or model railroading and who probably think "Seen one train, you've seen them all."

Who is a Railette? Long ago the gals (wives) who accompanied their "Rails" that had no interest in railroading were casually known as "Railroad Widows". Some found this reference distasteful and in 1955 someone suggested the name "Railette". It was this name that the NMRA® adopted and today the "Railette" program is very much an established part of most convention schedules.

CAJON COUNTRY warmly invites all ye Non Rails and Railettes to come along with your die hard model railroader. Come on down to our corner of the world! Come and meet new friends! Come enjoy a fun, relaxing vacation. Take in the sights of our great convention locale. We offer our Places of Interest page as sampling of some of the area's "things to do". In addition a variety of activities have scheduled to make your Non Rail convention attendance more enjoyable. Lots of special drawings for door prizes, too! We hope that somewhere in this combination there will be something to pique your interest.

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 8TH

9:00 am GOLF SCRAMBLE COORDINATED BY BOB SHERLOCK. This extra fare activity is open

to all convention attendees. The golf scramble will be held at Dad Miller's Golf course located about a mile down the street. Fresh air, exercise, camaraderie and

prizes. A great outing!

9 am to 12 noon RAILETTE SESSION I WITH PSR RAILETTE JANET SPOONER held in a clinic room at

the convention hotel—Janet will be there to welcome you. Time to get acquainted or re-acquainted with the gals while doing an arts/crafts project you can take home.

1:30 pm - 4:00 pm Las Vegas Style Bingo Session by Dale Tripp

All convention attendees (rails, non rails, Railettes) are invited to join in this free, prize-filled bingo session. There will be prizes for both male and female

participating winners.

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 9TH

9:00 am to 10:30 am Make n Take Railroad Herald Coaster class by Jan Altizer

Open to guys and gals alike. These coasters would not only make a very interesting and unusual gift for friends but also be a really unique item for your train room. Class instructions are easy to follow even by beginners. All materials are included in

this free class.

10:30 am to 12 Noon Make n take Scrap Booking class by Loretta Block

Experience the fun of scrap booking; learn how to display your pictures in a special way. All materials are included in this free class. Pictures are not necessary to do scrap booking but have option to bring a photo to use on their take home project.

1:30 pm to 4:00 pm RAILETTE SESSION II WITH JANET SPOONER Come join in the fun of making an

arts/crafts project.

SATURDAY – SEPTEMBER 10TH

9:00 am to 11:00 am RAILETTE SESSION III WITH JANET SPOONER and another fun craft project you can

take home.

12 noon RAILETTE LUNCHEON – Don't forget to sign up on the Extra Fare form for this fun

luncheon! Cost is only \$5 per person. Door Prizes!

LOTS TO SEE AND DO IN BUENA PPARK

Places of Interest within a mile radius of the Convention Hotel. All directions below use the Convention Hotel at 7675 Crescent Ave., Buena Park as start point

KNOTT'S BERRY FARM MARKETPLACE

Located adjacent to the Convention Hotel, a short 3 minute walk. The MarketPlace is located outside the Knott's Berry Farm entrance. An admission ticket is NOT needed to shop and browse.

The MarketPlace includes fifteen shops and restaurants in all. Among them are an excellent bakery, the world famous Mrs. Knott's Chicken Restaurant, where it all began in 1934, Virginia's Gift Shop, Snoopy Headquarters, etc.

INDEPENDENCE HALL

A replica of the real Independence hall in Philadelphia completed in 1966 by the Knott Family. Inside, there is a copy of the Liberty Bell, historical exhibits and a large theater that presents a slide show on the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

OLD CHICAGO ANTIQUE MALL

Antique Shopper's Delight! This Mall has over

100 dealer booths. If you're on the trail of some special collectible, this is a great place to check.

Hobby City Hobby City is home to more than 20 hobby shops all in one complex of uniquely constructed themed buildings. Bear collectors will love the old tree trunk building that towers almost 38 ft into the sky. The ½ scale replica of the White House contains some of the rarest dolls and toys. Other hobby shops include coins, stamps, baseball cards, model trains, and more.

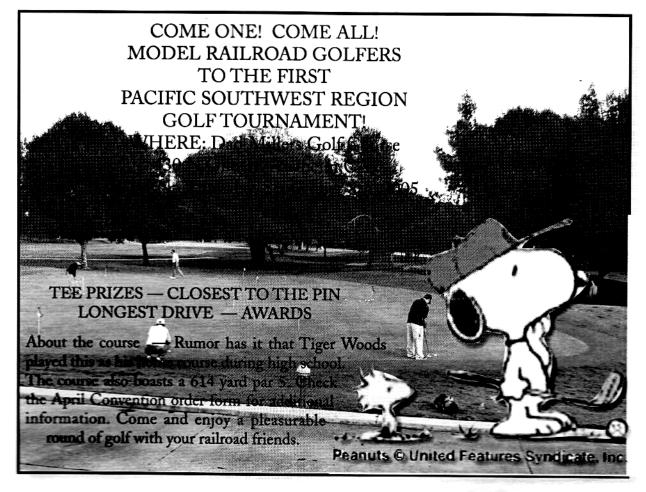
BUENA PARK MALL

This is an indoor mall with over 170 stores. Some of the anchor tenant stores include WalMart, Sears, Kohl's, Burlington Coat Factory, Bed, Bath, & Beyond, etc.

COLA CORNER

Coca Cola collector's haven.

AND MORE - Located about one block north of Knott's Berry Farm are many other attractions to sightsee and visit: Movieland Wax Museum, Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament, Crystal Factory and the famed Po Folks restaurant to name a few.





LAYOUT TOURS

By Todd Scott, Layout Tour Coordinator

All Aboard! The Cajon Country train offers the finest layouts in Orange County for your viewing pleasure. The below list is in abbreviated format. All layouts, with the exception of one "special" showing, are located within close proximity to the convention hotel. Four layouts will be offered as a bus guided layout tour Friday evening (see Extra Fare section). Map packets identifying location and times open as well as full descriptions will be distributed to all registered convention attendees for the self guided layout tours.

SantaFe and Southern Pacific - HO

Harold Benash layout spans a whopping 5-1/2 x 30 x 6 x 8 x 30 feet long staging yards to accommodate all his large steam locos and sleek SantaFe passenger trains. Self Guided

Virginia and Truckee and other roads - HO

Curtis Buck has an extra deep one car garage for his layout. Tthis medium size layout eatures a generous lap type mainline with the scenery being developed and more track being installed. Self Guided

Denver & Rio Grand Western - Hon3

Juan Carlos will transport those of you that are narrow minded, track spacing that is, into the wilds of the Colorado Rockies, the tracks cling to the cliffs that are covered with lots of rocks and pine trees. Self Guided

Pennsylvania Railroad – HO

Bill Flynn filled in a swimming pool and built a separate building to house his layout. You enter the layout room and step into the state of Pennsylvania. Attention to detail is everywhere from Union Station to the small towns in the Pennsylvania Hills that is being taken over by all the greenery. Bus and Self Guided

Southern Pacific - N Gauge

Dennis Ivison has created an N-gauge empire

in a 3 car garage that places you in the arid Arizona Desert. The towns' along the right of way are represented with the appropriate industries and the necessary spurs and sidings to accommodate the various customers. Self Guided

Southern Pacific - HO

Jim Lancaster has built a super model railroad in a dedicated outbuilding. The 1950's are featured on this long layout with walk in access. Bus and Self Guided

Tidewater & Western - HO

Robert Olds has created a masterpiece housed in its own 14x21 foot room. Award winning steam locomotives, beautiful scenery, nice backdrop, great bridgework, and perfect track work makes this a layout not to be missed. Bus Guided Only

Pioneer Western Model Railroad Club - HO

This club has been around for over 35 years. It features multiple cabs, complete scenery, and all types of trains from steam to diesel. The club normally runs steam from all eras. Self Guided

Red Gorge Southern – Sn3

Roger Schenck has a 16x20 foot room filled with a freelanced Colorado narrow gauge. Most of the scenery is complete. Narrow gauge fans and everyone else should enjoy this layout. Self Guided

AT&SF-HO

Bill Scholz's railroad is set in Southern California and the scenery is that of Cajon Pass and the surrounding southern California area. The layout is housed in a sizeable bonus room over the garage. Bus and Self Guided

Special Showing!

Tom Frank's D&RGW - On3

Tom's home is in Fontana located about one hour from the convention hotel. Those that wish to make the drive can visit this great layout on Thursday or Saturday. Note: This will be the only layout open on Thursday! Times open will be posted in your map packets.

Tom hosts operating sessions year round and has gone the extra mile to house his layout in a heated and air conditioned room. The layout features 200 feet of mainline code 83 rail on two levels. All track work and basic scenery is complete. His locos and some 100 freight cars are under NCE digital command control. Self Guided

Editor's Notes

Ben Sevier, Editor psrdispatch@sbcglobal.net

I'll be brief this issue - there's a lot in here that's important for you to read and act upon, so I won't take a lot of your time.

You will find a voting ballot as an insert to this issue, where you are to select the Director for your Division for the next 2 years, and indicate your approval (or not) of the changes to the PSR By-laws.

Following my comments on this page is the text of the revised PSR By-laws, which establish how the Region is structured, defines how it is run, determines who is a member, and other important (if not exciting) rules that the organization lives by. This revision puts the PSR in compliance with the new structure and rules of the NMRA®, and is required by the changes at the national level. The previous version is available by request to the By-laws and Operations Manual Chair (see Region Directory in this issue for contact information).

Please use the ballot enclosed in this issue to indicate your approval of the ammended By-laws, and select your choice of the candidates for Division Director. Fold the ballot as shown on the sheet, tape it shut (no staples, please), put a first-class stamp on it, and drop it in the mail by the date indicated. Be sure and VOTE!

If you haven't already done so, use the 2005 PSR Convention Resgistration form in this issue to sign up for the convention. It promises to be a great one (be sure and look for the details on clinics, tours and other events). I'll be there, looking for YOU!

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION BY-LAWS NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I – NAME, PURPOSE, AND TERRITORY Section 1. The full name of the organization is the Pacific Southwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc., in shortened versions PSR–NMRA and PSR.

Section 2. The primary purpose of the PSR shall be to further the enjoyment of the hobby of model railroading and promote the aims and objectives of the NMRA within the Region boundaries.

Section 3. The territory of the PSR shall be limited to the area approved by the NMRA Board of Directors and described in the PSR Manual of Operations.

Section 4. The PSR shall be divided into Divisions to facilitate the execution of the objectives of the Region.

Section 5. The supervision, creation and territory of the Divisions shall be under the authority of the PSR Board of Directors and regulated in accordance with the Manual of Operations.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any member in good standing with the NMRA (or who is applying for such membership) and living within the boundaries of the region is automatically a member of the region. Their membership is valid until their NMRA membership expires or until they no longer reside within the region.

Section 2. Existing Life Members: Existing life, honorary life, and affiliate life memberships in the PSR will continue to be honored in the existing manner. No new PSR life memberships of any type will be accepted. Existing NMRA life members (any type) are not considered life members in the PSR unless they have taken appropriate action for such membership (such as taking out a PSR life membership or being nominated to honorary PSR life membership) on or prior to September 7, 2005.

ARTICLE III - MANAGEMENT

Section 1. The general management of the PSR shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of one director from each division, the president, and vice president. These board members shall constitute the voting members of the board.

Section 2. The President, and Vice President shall be elected by the membership of the PSR and shall hold office for a term of two years beginning at the annual meeting of the PSR in even years. The president and vice president may not succeed themselves more than once in the same office..

Section 3. The Directors shall be elected by the membership of their respective divisions and shall hold office for a term of two years beginning at the annual meeting of the PSR in odd years. No director shall succeed himself more than once.

Section 4. The Secretary, Treasurer and Editor shall be appointed by the President and shall serve a term of two years beginning at the annual meeting of the PSR in even years. They shall be PSR members.

Section 5. Each Division shall be managed by a Superintendent and a Chief Clerk/Paymaster elected by the membership of the division and shall be under the supervision of the board of directors of the PSR.

Section 7. All Directors and elective Officers of the Region and of each Division shall be a member in good standing with the PSR

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

Section 1. There shall be one convention and business meeting of the members annually, which shall be held within 30 days before or after October 1 as determined by the board of directors in accordance with the manual of operations. In the instance of a major event within the region during the year such as a national convention, the Board of Directors may, at their discretion, move the date of the annual meeting and convention to coincide with that event for that year.

Section 2. Special meetings of the membership may be called

by the board of directors. At least thirty (30) days notice of such meeting shall be given through the official publication.

Section 3. The board of directors shall meet at least semiannually at the call of the president, with one such meeting at the annual convention preceding the annual business meeting of the membership.

Section 4. Special meetings of the board of directors may be called by the president or upon signed request from three of the board of directors stating the subject and desirability of such a meeting.

Section 5. Quorums – The quorum for any meeting of the membership shall be twenty-five (25), and for the board of directors, two thirds (2/3) of its members.

Section 6. Vacancies and Proxies – A vacancy in any office of the PSR shall be filled for the unexpired term according to the procedure set forth in the manual of operations. A director, unable to attend a duly called meeting of the board of directors, may appoint a proxy, notifying the president in writing of such appointment.

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees – The following standing committees of the PSR shall be appointed by the president and hold office during his term: Budget and Finance, Member Services and Promotion, Contest, By–Laws and Manual of Operations, Nominating, Ballot, Public Relations, Convention Promotion, Publication and Achievement Program. The duties, procedure and membership of these Committees shall be in accordance with the Manual of Operation.

Section 2. Special Committees – The President may appoint such Special Committees as are necessary and their duties and term of office shall be set forth in the appointment.

Section 3. Only PSR members may be appointed to any Standing or Special Committee.

ARTICLE VI - PUBLICATIONS

Section 1. There shall be one official publication of the PSR, which shall be known as the "Dispatch". This publication shall be issued to the membership who have subscribed at least four times a year, and shall be the charge of the publication committee. The subscription rate shall be set by the PSR Board of Directors. The "Dispatch" shall carry all official notices to the subscribing membership of corporate meetings and all official mail ballots. Non-subscribers shall receive all official notices and ballots by a separate mailing.

Section 2 All paid PSR members at the time the NMRA Long Range Plan becomes effective will be considered subscribers to the "Dispatch" until their paid membership would have expired. They may, of course, choose to renew their subscriptions at that time.

ARTICLE VII - MANUAL OF OPERATIONS

Section 1. The Manual of Operations is declared the official guide to conduct of business of the PSR, its divisions, committees and officers. It may be amended by a majority vote of the PSR Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENT

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the membership on a mail ballot or by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual or special meeting.

Section 2. Membership classes (Article II, Section 1) may be added or deleted to align with NMRA membership classes by a majority vote of the board of directors..

Section 3. Any article, section and/or part of these bylaws that do not conform to the NMRA constitution and bylaws may be amended to conform by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

Section 1. In the event of dissolution of the PSR, no distribution of any of the property or assets of the PSR shall be made to any PSR director, officer, member or employee of the PSR, but such property or assets shall be given only to an organization or organizations which would qualify under Section 501 (c) (3) of the present Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2. First consideration should be given to the NMRA for the distribution. If this is not appropriate, such organization(s) to be selected by officers of the PSR, whose purpose may be similar to or different from the purposes of the PSR, provided that the organization qualifies under the provisions of Section 501 (c) (3) of the present Internal Revenue Code or the comparable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code then in effect.

Section 3. In the event of the need to dissolve a division of the PSR, the plan of dissolution and distribution of any assets shall be approved by the PSR board of directors.

MODEL TRAIN SHOW

Los Angeles Division - National Model Railroad Association

SOUTH COAST BOTANIC GARDEN

26300 Crenshaw Blvd, Palos Verdes Peninsula

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Arizona Division

Candidates for Division Director



Duane Buck

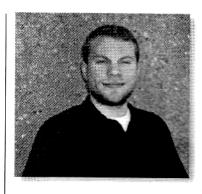
In seeking the Arizona Director position, I submit the following information: My name is Duane Buck. I have been a model railroader for 56 years and a life member

of the NMRA and PSR(PCR) since 1969. I've served as the Arizona Division Assistant Contest Chairman from 1995 to 1999 and the Contest Chairman from 1999 to the present. Additionally, I've served as the PSR Contest Chairman from 2000 to the present. I'm also the Great Northern Railway Historical Society's current Modeling Editor. I founded the Modelers' Pages for that organization in 1992.

I bring managerial experience acquired from 27 years of service in the U. S. Navy as an enlisted man for eight years and a commissioned officer for 19 years. I was a weapons system consultant following my Navy career and acquired two degrees after returning to college. I served on the board of directors and as vice president of the GNRHS, an organization with 2400 members.

If I am entrusted, by you, with the office of Arizona Division Director, I will do my utmost to represent the best interests of the division membership, as well as those of the region. No matter who you vote for in this election, please vote. Let's have a strong showing and demonstrate that the Arizona Division really cares about the future of the NMRA in our area.

Thanks to all, Duane



Charles Stewart

My name is Charles Stewart. I have been attending division meets, regional meets, and national conventions almost since the day I was born. I spent most of my time in the railette's room

getting to know the ladies in my beginning years. As a child at the age of five or so I felt as though my position was the designated door prize ticket inheritant since many people gave me their tickets. I felt that I did that job very well as my reputation became very well known when it came to door prizes and winning them, and how could I not win with so many tickets from various individuals.

Through my teen years I came to the conclusion that the position of a door prize ticket recipient was not an actual position and so I tried to send my help in a different direction. I wanted to help with a few conventions that were being hosted by our division and volunteered to be on the committees to do so.

I am now older and was looking once again to contribute in any way possible. My name came up in the nomination process and I felt that it would be my honor to accept the nomination. I look forward to the opportunity and feel that it is my turn to give back to an organization that has supported me throughout my life.

I know there have been some questions and concerns by members about the new NMRA Long Range Plan (LRP) and if I am elected as Arizona Division director I hope to be able to address all of those for you.





Cajon Division

Candidate for Division Director



Carl Heimberger

I suppose the question on everyone's mind is who is Carl Heimberger and why is he running for Director of Cajon Division.

And that is a fair question; I am certainly not doing it for the money or fame. Like all of you I have a true love for this hobby. And since becoming a member of NMRA, I have seen how a well organized Division can bring together a wide range of members working in various scales, to fulfill the common goal of enjoying the hobby of model railroading.

It is my hope that the Cajon Division can continue to grow and offer a wide range of activities that will encourage member participation. From my experience as former President and current member of the Orange County Module Railroaders, I believe that I have the leadership skills needed to expand the role that Cajon Division plays within the PSR.

Like most of you my interest in this hobby started with the traditional 'Lionel' train at Christmas, but what really got me hooked was my first HO train in the early 1950's, a Varney Dock side 0-4-0, that I still have with the original motor. I currently model in a variety of scales and/or gauges; however most of my effort is in HO/HOn3.

My education is as an Architect, although I started out as an art major, and ended up as a licensed Landscape Architect. I currently work for the City of Anaheim, Parks Division as a Project Manager. I am married, have 3-sons, a step daughter, and 3-grand kids. My wife and I currently live in Anaheim.

All that being said, my biggest message to the membership is to please get involved and participate not only at Division level but at the Regional and National levels as well. And the most important part if you do not vote, no one knows your wishes, so PLEASE VOTE.



Los Angeles Division

Candidate for Division Director



Paul Cutter

My name is Paul Cutter. I am running for the office of Director for the Los Angeles Division. I have been interested in model railroading

and trains since childhood. Currently I am building my own layout. My L.A. Division friends have happily provided help as needed which I have sincerely appreciated.

Working with the L.A. Division on the NMRA

national convention in Long Beach was a great experience. I have also been on the committee for 3 NMRA regional conventions, served as Superintendent for the division for 4 years and currently I am concluding my 4th year as Chief Clerk/Paymaster.

If elected my goal will be to attract new members to the organization by encouraging events that are important to them. I also feel it is necessary to get our members involved. I will work, along with the other division directors, toward a smooth implementation of the LRP.

I will be proud to serve as Director for the L.A. Division.



San Diego Division

Candidates for Division Director



Don Fowler

I've been involved with model railroading since age four, largely due to my Dad who worked for the Southern Pacific. After enjoying 0-27 and HO for several

years, I moved to N scale in 1969 and that continues to be my prominent scale. My son, Doug carries on the 0-27 legacy and my wife, Kim is a Z scale modeler. We will be breaking ground this spring on a backyard G scale layout. All in all, I have some experience with most of the scales.

I have enjoyed the fellowship and activities provided by the NMRA and the San Diego Division since 1992. I am currently concluding my second year serving as Clerk/Paymaster for our Division. I have served on convention committees, provided clinics, hosted open houses, prepared magazine articles, and will be deeply involved in our upcoming PSR convention in San Diego in 2006. I am also currently enrolled in the MMR Achievement Program. I can honestly say that the more involved I become, the more I get out of the hobby.

Participating as an officer for the Division has been an enlightening experience. I have a developed greater insight of the inner workings of the NMRA and how the services offered can better benefit our local membership. I would be honored to represent our Division at the Region level and will continue to develop a stronger working relationship with the other Divisions within our Region. I would like help the PSR by building on the past and introducing some new ideas as well. Most importantly, I want our membership to know that I will do my very best to represent their collective needs at the Region level.

We have only scratched the surface of what could be! Let's build fellowship within the world's greatest hobby.



Frank Tepedino

This is an enjoyable and challenging hobby and the people in it hobby are talented, wonderful folks. I will do all that I can to foster and further the association and its aims.

I have been a member of NMRA/ PSR for quite a number

of years. I'm a member of the San Diego Division of the PSR - NMRA. I've authored a number of articles for our division newsletter, "The Mail Hook", and other model railroad publications, and I have begun participation in the AP program.

When my attic got too small for my growing HO layout I had a special railroad room (approx. 25 x 25 feet), built over my two car garage. The room contains two separate, free lance, multi era, HO, Block control, DC, layouts featuring some 275 railroad cars, 25 steam engines and 26 diesel engines. Some 110 buildings and structures, most lighted, are part of the completed scenery.

My other interests include wide international travel, and extensive reading in WW II history, and building model airplanes and ships.

My background includes degrees in Engineering, Industrial Management, and a Juris Doctor in Law. I am a member of the Bars of California, Oregon and the US Supreme Court. After spending many years in senior positions in industry, in 1983 I founded my own consulting firm. I am now semi retired and live with my wife, also a lawyer, in San Diego. I have 3 grown sons and 4 grandchildren.

Thank you for your consideration. Francis J. Tepedino



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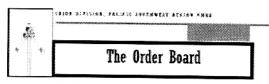
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2005 MAY

- TTOS Southwestern Division Meet. Arcadia Masonic Center, 50W. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA 91007 11:30 AM -- \$5.00 www.ttos-sw.org or Larry Pearson at 818-848-2653.
- 2 Glendale MRC Open House. 7:30 10 PM (1930 – 2100) 619 Hahn Ave. 818 500 7229. It is within Fremont Park. Visit www.gmrre.org for directions to the club building.
- 7 Silver State TTOS Meet. 10 to 2:30 PM. Opportunity Village, 6300 West Oakley. www. silverstatettos.org Velaine Arndt (702) 558-2954
- 7,8 Fullerton Railroad Days, Fullerton Station. Phone: (714) 278-0648 Fax: (714) 773-9399 http://www.scrmf.org/rrdays/
- Poway Community Center in Poway, CA. The Swap Meet 9 to 11AM. Tables \$1/half table.

 Admission \$.50 for non-members, children under 12 free. Spring Meet will start at 1130. http://www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/sdiego/sdiego.html or contact either Rodger Gredvig at 858-571-7118 pgredvig@nethere.net or Ben Sevier at 858-538-9863 bwsevier@sbcglobal.net
- 15 22nd Annual Allied Model Trains Auction. 350 lots of trains in all sizes, sold at no reserve. A lot of brass HO in this one! Doors open for viewing at 9am, auction runs 11am to 5pm. Free parking, free admission. Held at Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 w. Duarte Rd., Arcadia, CA, 91007. Info: 310-313-9353 or www.alliedmodeltrains.com
- 21 San Diego Division Layout Tour. Max Schwanda. Directions are available in the Mail Hook on www.trainnet.org
- 21 San Fernando Valley Railroad Historical Soc. Slide Show. 10 AM (1000 PST), \$3.00 unless exhibiting. First Presbyterian Church, 510 East Fifth St., (@Olive), Burbank, CA. Jerry Weisman (310) 657-6321 weisman964@adelphia.net
- 21 & 22 LA Division TRAIN SHOW. 9 5 PM.

 South Coast Botanic Garden, on the Palos Verde Peninsula, CA Admission to garden, for LA Parks, \$5 adults, \$3 for seniors and students 13 17, \$1 kids, free under 5.

- Orange Empire Railway Museum March Field Excursion. 2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of Riverside on I-215. (909) 943-3020, www.oerm.org. Special reservations are required.
- 28 30 Los Angels Live Steamers Spring Meet. 5202 Zoo Drive, (Griffith Park) Los Angels CA. www.lals.org

JUNE

- 4, 5 Orange Empire Railway Museum RailFest 2005. 2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of Riverside on I-215. (909) 943-3020, www.oerm. org. Admission is \$14 for adults/juniors, \$10 for ages 5-11, under 5 free.
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- 6 Glendale MRC Open House. 7:30 10 PM (1930 – 2100) 619 Hahn Ave. 818 500 7229. It is within Fremont Park. Visit www.gmrrc.org for directions to the club building.
- 9, 10, 11, 12 The Big Train Show. Queen Mary, Long Beach, CA. www.bigtrainshow.com. Public Sat 1 – 6; Sun. 1 – 4. G-Scale
- Orange Empire Railway Museum Father's Day Barbeque. 2201 South "A" St. Perris CA 17 miles south of Riverside on I-215. (909) 943-3020, www.oerm.org. Special reservations are required.
- 11 San Diego Division Layout Tour Jay Styron.
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 www.trainnet.org
- Pioneer Wester MRRC Old Fashioned Cardtable Swapmeet, 1230 West Orangethorpe, Fullerton 8AM to Noon - Free. Paul Bush - (714) 526-6718
- 11 Arizona Division Meet Sedona, St. John
 Vianney Catholic Church, 180 Soldier Pass Rd.,
 Sedona, AZ Registration opens at 9 AM. Swap
 meet, clinics, contests and door prizes. Open
 house at the Clemenceau Museum in Cottonwood
 with a layout tour from 4 to 7 PM. Contact
 buckgnry@msn.com
- 21-26 Santa Fe Historical and Modeling Society Convention. Pasadena, CA. See http://www. atsfrr.com/convention/info-Pasadena.htm

JULY

- 3 11 Cincinnati Limited 2005 NMRA Convention, http://www.cl2005.org/home.htm
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- Glendale MRC Open House. 7:30 10 PM (1930 – 2100) 619 Hahn Ave. 818 500 7229. It is within Fremont Park. Visit www.gmrrc.org for directions to the club building.
- 2 to 6 TTOS National Convention Riviera Hotel. www.silverstatettos.org Velaine Arndt (702) 558-2954
- 13 TTOS Southwestern Division Meet. LA Lice Steamers www.ttos-sw.org or Larry Pearson at 818-848-2653.
- 20, 21 Tehachapi Loop Railroad Club Mountain Festival Show. Free. Veterans Hall, 125 F Street, Tehachapi. http://www.tehachapi.com/railclub/ shows.html. TLRC, P.O. Box 876, Tehachapi, CA 9358 geoffpeggy@cybersurfers.net

SEPTEMBER

5 Glendale MRC Open House. 7:30 – 10 PM (1930 – 2100) 619 Hahn Ave. 818 500 7229. It is within Fremont Park. Visit www.gmrrc.org for

- directions to the club building.
- 7 11 Pacific Southwest Regional Convention. Cajon Country. Sponsored by Cajon Division. Radisson Resorts Knott's Berry Farm, Buena Park CA. Contact Jan Wescott (702) 566-0856. wescvgas@cox.net See www.cajondiv.org (under events).
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 org. Admission is \$4 for adults/juniors, \$8 for
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 for ages 5-11, under 5 free. Set up starts at 0700.
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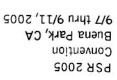
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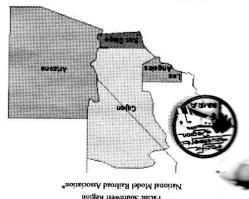
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Pacific Southwest Region, NMRA® 2005 Convention Presented by the Cajon Division, PSR, NMRA®

September 7 - 11, 2005

Knott's Berry Farm® Hotel & Resort Buena Park, California

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| when accompanied | by NMRA member | | #\$40.00 |
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